[English]

Revenue Collections

4874. SHRI SUNIL KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the revenue collected by the South Eastern Railway from the passengers and goods Traffic during each of the last two years;

(b) the total liability of the Railways in the South Eastern Railway during the said period; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to collect more revenue from the South Eastern Railway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) The Revenue collected by South Eastern Railway from Passenger and Goods during last two years are as under:—

(Figures in lakhs of Rs.)

	1994-95	1995-96
Passenger	36545	40300
Goods	340740	379213

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) The steps taken by the Government to collect more revenue from the South Eastern Railway are as under:

Passenger Services

1. Intensive ticket checking to reduce ticketless travel.
2. Issue of tickets through micro processor based Self Printing Ticket Machines.
3. Introduction of Coupon Validating Machine.
4. Running of fully unreserved trains on selected routes.
5. Better manpower management.
6. Energy conservation.
7. Cost control, cost reduction and cost effectiveness in all on-line as well as off-line activities.
8. Lowering of spending limits of the Railways.
9. Introduction of new trains.
10. Zero base review of activities.

Freight Services

1. Own Your Wagon Scheme introduced to encourage private participation in ownership of wagons.
2. Quotation of Station to station rates for certain streams of traffic.
3. Zonal Railways have been empowered to quote reduced rates for traffic offered in empty flow direction.
4. Increasing the minimum distance for charge to 100 Kms to earn additional revenue.
5. Agglomeration of piece meal traffic through freight forwarders.
6. Multimodal transport of goods through door to door container services.
7. Scheme for leasing of SLR/Break Van space in passenger trains for committed parcel movement.
8. Constant monitoring is being done on the loading of high profit yielding commodities.

Gour Express

4875. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gour Express under Eastern Railway is the only fast link train between Malda and Sealdah Division;

(b) whether there are several complaints about the old and outdated compartments being used in this prestigious train; and

(c) if so, the steps the Government propose to take to replace the old compartments in this train?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) 3153/3154 Gour Express provides direct service between Sealdah and Malda. In addition 7 pairs of Mail/Express trains besides a Fast passenger connects Malda with Calcutta (Sealdah/Howrah).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Steam Locomotive Engines

4876. SHRI B.L. SHARMA 'PREM': Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the steam locomotive engines are still produced by the Railways;

(b) the number of steam engines still used by the Railways;

(c) whether the Government propose to withdraw these engines from the service completely; and

(d) if so, the details of the plan in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) At present 177 steam locos on Metre Gauge and 20 on Narrow Gauge are working on Indian Railways.

(c) and (d) Railways as a matter of policy have decided to replace steam locomotives with diesel/electric locomotives before the turn of century in a phased manner except in some sections of tourist importance where such locos will be an attraction.

Howrah Base Kitchen

4877. DR. ASIM BALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sanitation condition around the Howrah Base Kitchen is unhygienic;

(b) if so, whether any steps are being taken to improve the condition/sanitation in and around Howrah Base Kitchen; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) The sanitation condition around the Howrah Base Kitchen are maintained in satisfactory and hygienic conditions. However, due to recent heavy rains there was blockage of adjacent drains resulting in temporary flooding of the area around Howrah Base Kitchen. Necessary steps were taken to clear the blockage and hygienic sanitary condition have been restored.

Supply of Coaches

4878. SHRI HARADHAN ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of coaches produced by different production units during the last three years, unit-wise and year-wise;

(b) the number of coaches supplied to the Zonal Railways during the said mentioned period, year-wise and zone-wise;

(c) whether less number of coaches were supplied to Eastern, South-Eastern and North-Eastern Frontier Railways; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to increase the supply of coaches to the said Railway Zones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) There are four Units manufacturing coaches in the country—two in Railway Sector, viz. Integral Coach Factory and Rail Coach Factory and two in Public Sector, viz. M/s Bharat Earth Movers Ltd. and M/s. Jessops & Company Ltd. The number of coaches produced by the different production Units during the last three years, unit-wise and year-wise are as under:

	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Integral Coach Factory	1038	780	890
Rail Coach Factory	1025	775	690
Jessops and Company Ltd.	61	15	33
Bharat Earth Movers Ltd.	375	9	139

(b) The details of category-wise coaches supplied to Zonal Railways are as under:

Railway	1993-94			1994-95			1995-96		
	AC	Non-AC	S.P.	AC	Non-AC	S.P.	AC	Non-AC	S.P.
Central	7	130	116	13	145	62	55	141	82
Eastern	41	323	42	50	340	62	6	26	92
Northern	34	331	17	58	180	66	43	199	57
North Eastern	1	43	—	—	—	—	16	91	—
Northeast Frontier	2	22	—	—	10	—	15	83	6
Southern	29	462	15	36	138	9	41	286	39
South Central	7	224	—	17	65	—	21	149	18
South Eastern	5	363	40	—	27	50	29	244	42
Western	35	234	54	76	132	48	36	36	122